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The demand of the hour is for five clean, capable, energetic, business-

What, then, is the status of the case? It is this in a word: the Democratic City Committee on the one hand, and public opinion on the other! I wonder if the framers of the new administrative plan realized that the last word was to be spoken by the

ity Democratic Committee? I cannot think so. Yet it has come about. The reason is that by an overwhelming vote declared itself on the part of the machine politicians by voting down the convention plan of nominating candidates by a nominative board in favor of the direct primary. And one knows what that means. It means that the "state" will go through another "process" of the "masses of citizens who have no axes to grind" and will bring out a ticket of their own. The time has come for that. The Chamber has been largely (and rightly, I believe) responsible for the passage of this new form of government, and it is the feeling of a great

But, you say, it is hard to get good men with the requisite ability to let themselves be nominated; because, in the first place, they would have to

sacrifice a good business for what is more or less of an uncertainty, and in the second place, they do not want to risk the humiliation of a defeat by certain "ringsters." That is true. But the situation is critical and calls for sacrifice. Is it too much to hope that

There are five men in Richmond who will be willing to make such a sacrifice for the sake of the city they love? I know it is asking much; but other cities have found such men. One of the Commissioners of Birmingham, Ala., am informed, gave up a lucrative position which was bringing him an income of over \$12,000, in order to become a Commissioner at a salary of only \$7,000. I do not doubt there are men of that heroic stamp in Richmond.

Need Heroes in Richmond.

We have been talking a great deal

of late of the heroism of the Titanic victims who refused to leave the ship in order that the women and children might be saved. But there is another kind of heroism, the heroism of daily

kind of heroism—cut heroism or merely lift—the heroism of the latter purports to be heroism, the sacrificed ambition the heroism which for the sake of others' welfare takes up and bears the burden that no one else will lift! Who will fill the breach?

Finally, my friends, the future of this city, in a moral and religious sense, depends to a very large extent on the kind of administration you give

A few years ago at a great theatre fire in Paris, we read that the men fought like wild beasts, trampling down the women and children in their frenzy to reach their own cowardly different when the Titanic sunk! Then the men of England and America stood aside and let the women and children fill the boats, while the ship band played at the very moment of the final plunge: "Nearer

my God, to Thee, etc. What was the difference? The difference was that France is a nation of waning religion and decadent morals, while England and America are nations where God is still honored and His laws obeyed. God help us through the kind of evil conditions we hand down to future generations.

generations, to keep Richmond in the forefront of those cities "whose God is the Lord."

Y. M. C. A. ROBBERY

Railroad Man Reports Loss of \$15
While He Was Asleep.

J. B. Hicks, of Crewe, Va., yesterday reported to the police of the First District, that he was robbed of \$15 some time Saturday night while asleep in a dormitory at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. The room, it was said, was occupied by about thirty men. Hicks retired Saturday night, leaving the money in his clothes. When he awoke

Several robberies have recently been reported at the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

and Detective-Sergeant Belton, who is working on the case, is confident that they have been committed by the same person.

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